Application No. 09/931,974

Amendment in Response to Office Action of December 1, 2004

Docket No. 7226-200

REMARKS

The objection to the drawings because reference characters "5" and "40" are both used to

designate the gel layer is not well founded. Reference "40" is the uncured gel compound

which has been applied to the stretchable carrier 10 by passing the carrier onto a bath of

uncured gel material as shown in Figure 5 or by depositing the uncured gel material onto the

stretchable carrier as shown in Figure 6. Reference "5" in Figure 2 is the <u>cured</u> gel layer.

Note the heating element in both Figures 5 and 6 where the gel is cured. See also the text at

page 12, lines 7-8 as well as lines 16 to 18, regarding combining the gel and carrier and then

curing the combined carrier and gel in a heating oven.

Corrected drawings are provided where Figure 5 precedes Figure 6.

The reference to "heating element" in Figures 6 and 7 has been changed to reference

character "50" and the specification has been amended to include this reference number.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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